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Letters to the Editor

Dear Canadian Camping:

I am writing you regarding the Spring 1982 issue of "Canadian Camping". On the whole I felt that the magazine contained good promotion for a very worthwhile and meaningful endeavour - namely camping. However, there is one item which I feel should never have appeared in your magazine. It was a photo of two girls walking with their arms around one another, marked "Courtesy of Camp Gay Venture."

It disturbs me that a magazine of this caliber would give homosexuality this kind of exposure. To add to the irony of it all, we have in the next column, a tremendous poem entitled "One Solitary Life", which speaks of Jesus Christ who died to bring forgiveness and pardon and power to live a transformed life; a message every homosexual needs to know and come to grips with.

As guardians of the youth of Canada (and certainly as camp workers, directors, counsellors and instructors) we do assume a share of this responsibility for guiding and influencing young lives... thus we must review our stand for morality in lifestyle. The foundation of today's camping experience was piloted by men and women of high moral fabric (eg: Young Men's Christian Association) and we can give no less to our generation.

Darrel Hoepfner
Edmonton, Alta.

Thank you for your comments with regard to the Spring Issue of Canadian Camping; I'm glad you enjoyed the poem "One Solitary Life".

I'm very concerned however, about your perceptions with regard to our photograph as well as your underlying assumptions about homosexuality.

Firstly, about Camp Gay Venture: this camp has long been one of Canada's premiere girls' camps for over 30 years. It is a camp with impeccable standards and a sterling reputation in the field of camping today; with Directors Hoyle, Patterson and currently Adamson, Gay Venture is steeped in tradition, value and excellence of both program and leadership. I know because my sister went there and I personally have spent 23 summers in neighbouring camps where I've enjoyed fellowship, songs, plays, campfires, dances and leadership exchanges with Gay Venture.

"Gay" means "light and fun" and Gay Venture was the name of a horse back in the 1940's which prompted the camp name. The current association of the word "gay" with homosexuality has obviously caused some concern to those associated with Gay Venture; I think at one time they contemplated a name change BUT I think they realized that Gay Venture and its camping tradition will prevail long after the word "gay" ceases its co-existence with homosexuality.

More importantly, with regard to homosexuality, I think we should realize that approximately one person in ten is homosexual; whether it's good or bad is not the point - it's just a fact of life. There is obviously a sizeable number of campers and staff in ALL our camps who must deal with this reality; to make them feel unduly shameful, anxious or guilty seems very wrong as well as in opposition to the creed "Love thy neighbour as thyself". The current opinion of human sexuality (medical, psychological, sociological) indicates that teenagers do not "choose" a sexual orientation; adolescence seems to be a time of revelation and not a turning point! Dr. John Money of Johns Hopkins University says that we're all born sexual; how we learn to

manifest that sexuality as we grow up is largely multifactorial - that is, genetics, hormones, cultural rearing are all significant with the nod going to cultural rearing.

I attended a conference a few months back with famed researcher Dr. William Masters, who revealed the following: "As of 1982, it is the belief of the Masters and Johnson Institute that homosexuality is a natural form of sexual expression; it is also our opinion that homosexuality is primarily LEARNED BEHAVIOUR." His final fact was most turbulent: "It is believed that heterosexuality is learned behaviour; that is, it must be programmed." Research is beginning to illuminate this basic thesis that we're all born with sexual energy - this energy can be channelled in countless ways (bisexuality, heterosexuality, homosexuality), as well as denied (asexuality). I think it is important in camps that we emphasize "respect" and "responsibility"; our bodies are healthy and can be sources of great pleasure. We must learn to interact with others socially and sexually by first acknowledging our feelings and then manifesting our behaviour with honesty, courtesy, dignity and respect.

Your letter talks of the camping movement "piloted by men and women of high moral fabric". I assume you mean heterosexual, but I'm not sure; you see, one's sexual orientation (homosexual, bisexual, heterosexual or asexual) has little to do with morality. There are surgeons, presidents, lawyers, camp directors, etc. who are homosexual AND are of high moral fabric. There are heterosexuals who are immoral, i.e. abuse others, lie, cheat, dominate, seek indiscriminate sex etc. It seems the question we should address to young people is: manifest your interpersonal relationships with honesty, communication, openness and caring - and all this is irrespective of one's "orientation"!

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EDITORIAL

Beer in the Ballparks – Camps are Next!

A dangerous phenomenon is occurring in camps all across the country. Industrious, sensible, committed staff members, who care for our campers all week long with enormous responsibility, become drunken, reckless, irresponsible, immature "adolescents" on their days off. At the very least, we witness embarrassing and inappropriate behaviours from sign-stealing to vomiting uncontrollably on the main street in the middle of town; at its worst, we witness violent automobile accidents causing severe bodily injury and even death! It's time to become realistic in our assessment of this apparent paradox which creates Jeckyll and Hyde characters of our staff members.

A camp counsellor's job is a highly stressful one – it is virtually 24 hours of non-stop, uninterrupted responsibility. From the early wake-up bell in the morning, it is the counsellor's duty to have all the campers washed and ready for breakfast, back to the trough to brush the teeth, off to activity periods, keep control over the noon meal, supervise the campers' rest period, on to activities all afternoon, wash for supper-time, plan an evening challenge or campfire programme, wash and ready for bed, read a story or chat and reminisce a little about the day, then lights out: whew!! And all this assuming no discipline problems arise throughout the day or a camper gets sick in the middle of the night and the counsellor sits with him/her for an hour or two in the infirmary. It's a pressure-cooker of a job but we don't always admit it! The staff need to relax and blow off steam, and yet most camps have a "NO DRINKING IN CAMP" policy. It's like the Ontario Government's policy of "no beer in the ballparks" which never did stop people from drinking but it did stop stadium officials from effectively controlling it. And now that the government ban is lifted, everyone is amazed that 99% of the fans leave the stadium as orderly as they arrived; they needn't be amazed as the behaviour was as predictable as it is now obvious! The 1% who are unruly now were unruly before, only now they throw empty plastic beer cups whereas previously they threw empty micky bottles.

The irony and contradiction in our camps is obvious; we entrust a 19 or 20 year-old counsellor with human life – the health, safety, care and growth of all their campers (more vital responsibility, I might add, than most 40 or 50 year-olds have with their city occupations). On a canoe trip, the leader's responsibility is magnified tenfold and yet these same "adults" are reduced to mere children themselves because we refuse to believe they could responsibly have a beer in camp (if they so desired) at the end of a day, blow off a little steam, relax and socialize.

As a camp director, I would hope I could teach campers and staff alike about the responsible use of alcohol and help foster an ethic of respect for its positive and negative effects; I would want my campers and staff to understand alcohol's uses and abuses, as opposed to an unrealistic hope or belief in abstinence. Also, as a camp director, I would feel much better dealing with a fire or emergency situation in the middle of the night knowing several staff members had had a beer or

two at 10:00 or 11:00 pm and retired in a safe, reasonable and alert manner rather than having to waken a group of non-functional, semi-comatose impaired staff who rolled into camp at 1:30 or 2:00 am after the bars closed. My conscience wouldn't be salved in the least knowing that "at least they didn't get drunk on camp premises". Which makes sense?

Perhaps my perspective is prejudiced because I've worked in a "no drinking policy" camp and witnessed the frightening abuses as well as auto accidents and "near-misses"; every night was like sitting on a powder keg hoping the staff wouldn't overdo it and praying that they'd return to camp in one piece. I've also worked in a camp where alcohol was available to the staff on a 24 hour basis in a designated staff cabin; amazingly, it was extremely rare that anyone would have a drink before the conclusion of evening programme, and several "unwritten" rules evolved: no one drank to excess, drinking was usually limited to beer or wine, drinking seemed to be regulated to a couple of times a week – just because it was there was no reason to indulge. Two extremely positive corollaries did emerge:

- 1) Staff rarely went out of camp, even on time off; the effect was a wonderful sense of cohesion which could only affect the camp in a positive ripple effect.
- 2) The campers were exposed to role models who actually drank AND walked a straight line. If we had a beer at 10:00 pm, then wandered through camp to check for noise and chat with the campers, they invariably knew we had alcohol on our breath. This serves as a positive vicarious learning situation; i.e. one can drink, in moderation, and be perfectly functional.

While no simple answer exists as to how each individual camp should handle/prohibit/regulate alcohol use amongst its staff, I think we should accept the reality that our staff, being human, will drink in front of us OR behind our backs. We should begin a "dialogue on drinking" with them in order to discern what is best for our camp, our staff and what rules, policies and expectations seem most reasonable and appropriate. Many camp directors have committees comprised of staff members, parents, senior staff and the director to discuss many of these areas and this seems to work reasonably well.

In a society that is becoming increasingly intolerant of the drunk driver – and rightfully so – our camps should not duck the issue and leave it to luck or fate that our staff will return from time off and in what condition. The ethics of "RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY" are crucial ones to impart by both words and example. Our purpose shouldn't be clouded by archaic and paradoxical rules and fears which will prove to be unfounded – staff ARE responsible; they've shown it in every other camp leadership sphere, but we'll only know they can responsibly handle alcohol and impart a valuable lesson to our campers when we're willing to trust them, as adults, all the way!

Editorial Policy

Jay Haddad, Editor

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EDITORIAL

On permet bien la bière aux stades de baseball – Pourquoi pas aux camps!

Un vent plutôt malsain souffle présentement sur nos camps partout au pays. Des moniteurs sensés, dévoués, travailleurs, dotés d'un haut sens des responsabilités et soucieux du bien-être des campeurs toute la semaine deviennent de vrais sôlards et se comportent comme des joveux insouciants à leurs jours de congé. Au mieux, nous sommes témoins d'actes grossiers et gênants tels le vol de panneaux-réclame et le "débogillage" le long des rues passantes. Au pire, nous assistons à des accidents de la circulation qui laissent les victimes gravement blessées, parfois sans vie. Il est temps que nous examinons en toute objectivité ce véritable paradoxe.

Le moniteur a des responsabilités qui le retiennent au boulot presque 24 h sur 24. C'est un travail crevant. Au premier son de cloche, il est à son poste. C'est la toilette des enfants, le petit déjeuner, le brossage des dents, les activités du matin. C'est ensuite le dîner, la période de repos, les activités de l'après-midi, encore un brin de toilette, le souper, les jeux ou le feu de camps le soir. C'est enfin un dernier débarbouillage, les histoires ou la rétrospective des activités de la journée. Ouf! On éteint les lumières. Encore là, faut-il supposer qu'il n'y a pas eu de manque à la discipline durant le jour ou qu'aucun n'a retenu le moniteur 1 h ou 2 à son chevet la nuit. C'est un travail de fou bien que nous ne l'admettions pas toujours.

Le personnel a besoin de détente. Or la plupart des camps DEFENDENT L'ALCOOL. Nous pourrions faire le rapprochement entre ce règlement et celui du gouvernement de l'Ontario qui interdisait il y a peu de temps la bière dans les stades de baseball. Ça n'a pas empêché les gens de boire. Par contre, cela a donné des maux de tête aux responsables des stades qui n'avaient aucun contrôle. Maintenant que l'interdiction est levée, le monde s'étonne de voir que 99% des gens quittent le stade dans le même ordre qu'ils y sont entrés. Ils n'ont pas à s'ébahir. C'était à prédire. Le 1% de gens turbulents l'était avant. La différence, c'est que ceux-ci jettent leurs verres de bière vides au lieu de leurs bouteilles miniatures.

Il y a ironie et contradiction dans nos camps. Nous confions à des adultes de 19 et 20 ans, des humains comme nous, le soin de veiller à la santé, à la sécurité et au bien-être des plus jeunes (des responsabilités dois-je dire plus lourdes que celles qu'assument leurs aînés en ville). Lors d'un voyage en canot, les responsabilités du moniteur sont amplifiées de 10 fois. Et encore, on les traite comme des enfants; on ne peut croire qu'ils sont assez grands pour prendre une bière au camp (s'ils le veulent) pour se récréer.

A titre de directeur de camp, j'aimerais pouvoir enseigner aux campeurs et au personnel comment faire usage modéré de l'alcool. J'aimerais les aider à porter un jugement d'appréciation sur ses effets positifs et négatifs. J'aimerais qu'ils distinguent l'abus de la modération au lieu de les inciter à espérer ou à croire absurdement en l'absti-

nence. En cas d'incendie, ou d'urgence la nuit qu'aimeriez-vous mieux savoir: que vos moniteurs se soient retirés sagement au lit en possession de toutes leurs facultés après avoir bu une bière ou deux au camps ou qu'ils se soient couchés dans un état de semi-coma après avoir fermé les bars? Quelle est la meilleure situation?

Peut-être pensez-vous que j'ai des préjugés parce que j'ai travaillé dans un camp où l'alcool était défendu et que j'ai été témoin d'abus terribles et d'accidents où les victimes "l'ont échappé belle". Chaque soir, c'était comme s'asseoir sur un baril de poudre et espérer que les gars ne se griseraient pas trop, ou du moins qu'ils reviendraient tout d'une pièce. Croyez-moi. J'ai aussi travaillé dans un camp où l'on pouvait boire à toute heure dans une salle réservée au personnel. Chose curieuse, rares étaient ceux qui prenaient un verre avant la fin de la journée et souvent même avant d'avoir jonglé à certaines normes "inécrites". On buvait tout au plus une ou deux fois la semaine et, jamais à l'excès. C'était habituellement du vin ou de la bière.

La boisson était là mais ce n'était pas une raison de se laisser aller. Il s'est dégagé deux corollaires:

1. Le personnel est rarement sorti du camps, même en congé, ce qui a créé une unité dont les effets se sont répercutés sur tout le camp.
2. Les campeurs ont été exposés à des chefs exemplaires qui buvaient et marchaient en ligne droite.

Si nous prenions une bière avant d'aller faire la ronde et que nous arrêtons jaser avec les jeunes, ils savent que nous avons bu rien qu'à sentir notre haleine. Ils venaient d'apprendre quelque chose: que l'on pouvait boire modérément et fonctionner parfaitement. Il n'est pas facile à chaque camp d'établir s'il faut permettre ou défendre l'usage de l'alcool. Cependant, je crois que nous devons accepter le fait que les moniteurs boiront devant nous OU derrière nous. Ce sont des humains. Nous devrions dialoguer avec eux afin d'établir ce qui est préférable de faire. Voir quels règlements et attentes seraient valables. Nombre de directeurs de camps ont formé des comités où membres du personnel à tous les niveaux et parents se réunissent pour discuter de ces choses. Tout semble bien marcher.

Notre société tolère de moins en moins l'ivresse au volant et avec raison. Nos camps ne devraient pas user de faux-fuyants et laisser à la chance ou à la fatalité de voir son personnel revenir ou pas le soir et... dans quel état. Il importe de leur communiquer en gestes et en paroles notre RESPECT pour eux et leur SENS DU DEVOIR. Nous ne devrions pas être obnubilés par des règlements archaïques et paradoxaux ni par des craintes sans fondements. Notre personnel EST responsable. Il l'a prouvé dans toutes les autres sphères de leadership. Nous ne aurons seulement que nos moniteurs peuvent boire et donner une leçon valable aux campeurs quand nous pourrons leur faire confiance à tout point de vue comme à des adultes!

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THE CAMPING ADVISOR

Our camp has budgeted for six new canoes next year; our canoe tripping consists mainly of lake travel in Ontario, with a little bit of river travel. What is the ideal make and length for us to purchase?

C.T., Haliburton, Ontario

There are advantages and disadvantages to all canoe makes; in *Lightweight Camping* by Michael Hatton, he reviews the following canoes with their advantages and disadvantages: Wood and Canvas (16 feet, app. 75 lb.) are quiet, good performers and high aesthetic value but allergic to rocks, can become waterlogged and high maintenance; Aluminum (17 feet, app. 75 lb.) are very strong but noisy, conducts cold temperatures, not as high a performer as Wood and Canvas; Fiberglass (16 feet, app. 65 lb.) are light, easy to repair and inexpensive but not as strong as aluminum; Kevlar-49 (16 feet, app. 48 lb.) have high tear resistance, very light but very expensive; Royalex (16 feet, app. 75 lb.) are very strong but will deform under high stress and have poor hull designs. Hatton says that "long canoes are generally more stable, have a greater carrying capacity, will be faster with two or more paddlers, stay on course better and draw less water than short canoes... it is advantageous to choose the longest canoe suitable to the specific needs. Few serious canoeists would purchase a hull less than 16 feet in length, and in fact, there is a growing move to 17 and 18 foot models".

We suggest you determine your specific needs and begin shopping around; don't make a hasty decision as you have all year to make your purchase. Ask other camp directors who canoe in your area what canoes they have purchased and where; word of mouth in this case is more important than a salesman's pitch!

(Incidentally: *Lightweight Camping* is available from your C.C.A. Publications Service for \$8.95 and is an excellent resource.)

Several staff at our camp jogged every morning before breakfast; I wanted to jog also but it seems these guys are really into pain - they go a minimum 5 or 6 miles and sometimes they jog 10 miles! I've heard that running cures depression, is this true and what is the maximum distance to jog for optimum fitness?

D.C., Montréal, Québec

Running has been proven to help depression; researchers at the University of Wisconsin placed a group of depressed patients on a running-therapy programme. The group ran three times a week for 30-45 minutes each session; the symptoms of depression were definitely alleviated.

As to how far you should run, it sounds like your friends are serious runners, far too serious! Consider: researchers at the University of California at Berkeley determined that maximum fitness, measured by oxygen uptake, could be obtained by running 12 minutes a day three times a week. Doubling the running time did not increase cardiorespiratory fitness; however, it did burn off excess calories. It seems there's little to do for optimal fitness - the trick is in keeping it up on a steady basis. Remember, though, a good warm-up and warm-down are essential. Good luck!

We have a photography program in our camp; our instructor said that our film should always be refrigerated, although she didn't know why. Can you find out?

W.N., Huntsville, Ontario

It seems that heat and humidity cause the chemical composition of the film to deteriorate. Most colour films are chemically immature when purchased; that is, they have not yet reached their optimum colour balance. Refrigeration retards the chemical maturation process, thereby protecting it and giving it a longer life.

Last summer, our camp director (female) became involved with one of the female counsellors. It created quite a stir and there was a lot of gossip in camp; the counsellor actually admitted to having an affair with the camp director. The government board refused to re-hire the director, even though she was an excellent camp director in all ways. Many of us feel that she was discriminated against because she is lesbian. Is that fair?

Name and city withheld by request

It sounds as though your camp director was not re-hired because she showed very poor judgement, poor professional conduct and exhibited indiscreet behaviour. The question is not one of homosexuality - it is a question of BEHAVIOUR unbecoming of a camp director! It would have been equally wrong if the

camp director was male and the affair was with a female staff member or if the camp director was female and the involvement was with a male staff member. Some camp directors are homosexual, many are heterosexual, perhaps some are even asexual; it doesn't matter and it shouldn't matter. The point is, one's sexuality should be private and personal, especially in a highly charged social environment like a camp situation. Your camp director was not guilty of her sexual orientation, but rather of her unwise and untimely expression of it!

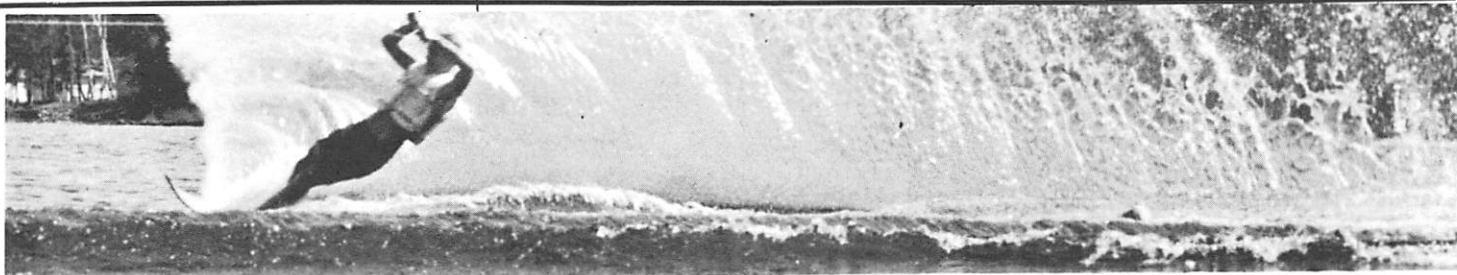
Please settle an argument that several of us staff had with our camp nurse. When a bad ankle sprain was taken to her, she soaked the ankle in hot salt water whereas we maintained a cold compress should have been applied. Who was correct?

B.B., Vancouver, B.C.

You were correct! An excellent source is "*The Sportsmedicine Book*" by Gabe Mirkin and Marshall Hoffman. They suggest the immediate treatment for almost all athletic injuries is the same no matter what happens - ankle sprain, broken bone, ligament strain, muscle pull. It's called RICE - Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation. As soon as one feels pain, stop the activity immediately and pack the injured area in ice (not directly, always use a towel so the ice doesn't touch the skin), wrap a bandage around the ice and elevate the injured limb above the level of the heart. This stops the blood from entering the injured area; the more blood that collects, the longer it takes to heal. Ice can be reapplied for several hours - 30 minutes on and 15 minutes off. If pain and swelling does increase, see a physician. Most experts do not resort to heat treatments for at least 48 hours, if at all. Ice can also help to rehabilitate injuries; if you're trying to restore movement to an injured joint, massage the area with ice, stretch it with appropriate exercises, then reapply the ice. The cold serves as an anaesthetic and, again, reduces swelling.

Thank you for your letters. We regret that we cannot answer each one personally; however, we will endeavour to publish the most interesting and provocative ones. Address all letters to: The Camping Advisor, c/o The Editor, Canadian Camping, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1.

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INTERVIEW

John Latimer is known in virtually all camping circles of Canada and the United States. He has served the Ontario Camping Association as well as the Canadian Camping Association as President. He is the owner of Kilcoo Camp in Ontario and directed Kilcoo for 26 years before retiring last year as active Director. He is currently the Chairperson of the International Camping Congress to be held in Toronto, January 26 to 29, 1983. In his first summer in the city since 1938, he was interviewed on August 4, 1982 by Jay Haddad at his home in Toronto. The following are excerpts from that interview:

C.C.A. John, let's start with the International Camping Congress; how was the idea first conceived and how has it evolved to its current status?

J.L.: The idea of an International Congress started several years ago when I was President of the C.C.A. and I was down in New York City at an A.C.A. meeting. John Kirk was their President and a man by the name of Commander Kohli from India was President of the Indian Camping Association. We went out one evening and began to fantasize a little about the possibility of a World Association in Camping. With that little dream the idea always stayed with me, then it was at the Geneva Park Conferences, when I saw what was happening when Camp Directors got together from across the country - it wasn't just the sessions - it was the sharing and camaraderie of every Province and every type of camp represented that made the experience so exciting. My fantasy then, which is now becoming a reality, was to bring camping people together from all over the world to share and grow and realize that we're all part of something very big and very special: the growth of children in the out-of-doors.

C.C.A.: Who did you talk to first?

J.L.: First, we talked to the Americans about a joint congress, but unfortunately, that didn't work out because the financial restrictions presented too many complications. We're still on great terms, but we decided we could and would go it alone.

I turned to Past Presidents of the C.C.A. for direction - Cliff Labbett, Jack Pearse, Ron Johnstone and the current President, Jocelyn Palm - about the possibilities for this exciting venture; then we looked to the people of the Ontario Camping Association who would be acting as hosts for the Congress. The Board of the C.C.A. set up a task force and said "go" and for the past two years we've been going!

C.C.A.: What excited you most about the Congress?

J.L.: I think the feeling I'm starting to get - and remember this is just August - around the country that there's tremendous support for this venture and people really are plan-

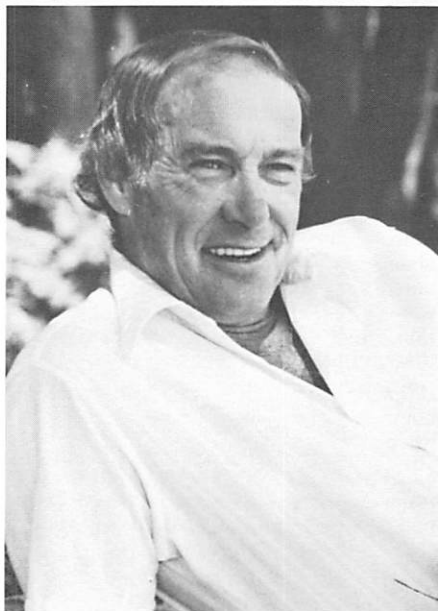


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ning to get here for the Congress. There's a sense of excitement that this unique "happening" in camping is one in which they're anxious to be a part of; mind you, Christian Camping International have had international ventures before but this is really the first sponsored by the C.C.A. I'm getting a feeling that people are starting to buzz with anticipation of the Congress approaching at the end of January.

C.C.A.: Who are some of the key people you are excited about bringing in internationally?

J.L.: One man that I'm looking forward to hearing is Sir Edmond Hillary; I met with him for lunch a few weeks ago and found him to be a fascinating man, a very human person, a very dedicated person to young people and to hear some of the experiences he's anxious to share with us is really quite exciting.

I'm particularly pleased that Leo Buscaglia will be with us - I've watched his tapes, read his books, I've used some of his tapes in my own camp - he's fun, sensitive, emotional, a dynamic speaker as you well know. It's also reassuring to see his current book "Living, Loving and Learning" sit atop the New York Times and Time magazine best-seller list - it simply adds to his stature to see such impressive credentials and think he's going to wind up our Congress beautifully. If people don't walk away two feet off the ground, I'll be very surprised!

C.C.A.: Is it also true that Sharon, Lois and Bram will be singing?

J.L.: Yes, they'll be at a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Government of Ontario on the Thursday morning; also appearing will be David Broadfoot, so it should be a good combination of Canadian music and humour. I'm impressed with the talent, I'm impressed with our organizing committee and the enthusiasm they have generated in camping com-

munities, literally throughout the world.

I know it's going to be an event which will be highly informative, entertaining and inspiring - one which all of Canada will be proud to host.

C.C.A.: Let's turn to your first summer in the city in 44 years - how does it feel?

J.L.: I feel a sense of relief of not having to worry about so many mechanical duties - like trucks breaking down, needing supplies for crafts, the dining hall is dirty etc. I do miss the interaction with the kids, playing tennis with campers, chatting with a friend at Chapel Point.

I have been up to camp several times and I am reminded of how much I miss the ongoing affection and recognition with the campers - but being up there for 44 years has left me with so many cherished memories and they have made me feel very good about life, but yes, I do miss the closeness with the Staff, I miss the campers, and, of course, I miss the opportunity to pull a few pranks.

C.C.A.: Is it true that your first arrival back to Kilcoo in early July last month was initiated as a prank and that as the entire camp stood in a horseshoe for flag raising at 8:00 a.m., the Canadian flag draped over the main flag bearer rose and unfurled only to find you underneath, much to the amazement and delight of about 300 Kilcoo campers and staff?

J.L.: Yes, that's a true scenario, and I giggled all the way up to camp from Toronto thinking about it - I couldn't wait!

C.C.A.: When did the campers realize it was their "Chief" under that Canadian flag?

J.L.: I think as the flag came off my shoulders and the National anthem was just starting, I could hear whispers of "it's Chief, it's chief!"

C.C.A.: Is it a nice "proud" feeling walking through the camp or one of nostalgia and sadness?

J.L.: No, no, it's a feeling of strong pride, especially knowing that I've had an opportunity of helping to train and guide some of these leaders and now to watch Hal Hannaford and the Senior Staff take over so well and still maintain the basic traditions and yet they're alive enough and aware enough to be bringing in new ideas. I look at the Staff and smile inside and think "Hey, John, you've passed on a pretty good legacy and you should feel good about that, but also good that these people are now passing on what they believe in and sharing their values with another generation".

C.C.A.: You mention Hal Hannaford, Kilcoo's Director. In an earlier C.C.A. interview (Winter 1982), Charles Plewman said he'd had problems with hiring directors from outside of the camp and concluded that "I'd jump over a hurdle of pretty serious proportions to use a man from the camp that knew the place from the ground up". This is true of Hal, certainly; what's your first recollection of Hal Hannaford as a young camper?

J.L.: A real bubbly guy that never stopped; he had the loudest laugh in the cabin group at night – I always knew where Hal was, day or night! He had tremendous enthusiasm, and was never a problem to his counsellors. When he became a counsellor, he had the craziest and most creative ideas with his cabin group – untying a dock and floating all day with his campers etc. – again, tremendous enthusiasm! Hal placed high expectations on his campers, and even now, as Director, I see Hal's enthusiasm and I see him placing high expectations on his Staff.

C.C.A.: You are currently working as a consultant with the Ministry of Tourism in the Ontario Government, overseeing the government-sponsored attractions in the Province; I won't even ask you if this is temporary because I know it is. What about a school, though, as a second career; I know you've long fantasized about directing-administrating a private school – might this ever come to fruition?

J.L.: Yes, definitely, I've long fantasized about it and hopefully, yes, it might someday come to fruition. Whenever I see a group of kids, I like the idea of a school from perhaps grade 9 on – I think that would be the area in which I feel most comfortable. I still feel I can play a significant role with them and I really do perceive a growing or continuing need for alternate educational situations. I get very motivated as I talk to groups of Staff members who I know I could look to for leadership.

C.C.A.: Are you genuinely enjoying your "summer in the city" or do you find yourself clock-watching thinking "well, now the campers are at first period, the Senior Staff are meeting now, did the noon meal start on time?"

J.L.: I think in May and June, as the summer was approaching, I had it built up in my mind that the city would be boring and dull. I kept telling myself that I would do chores and projects around the house at nights to keep busy, Peg and I could go out alone to many restaurants that we've wanted to try – things like that. As it's turned out, though, I've been busy travelling around the Province quite a bit for the Ministry; Peg and I also have been invited to many friend's cottages – this year we can finally say "yes" to those invitations. So to be truthful, I've completed no projects around the house thus far, we've only been to one restaurant and the summer is moving by very rapidly.

C.C.A.: Yesterday, for the second time in your life (the first being July, one month ago) you and Peg drove over to the parking lot to see the buses load up and drive off to camp. What were your feelings in July and how did you feel yesterday?

J.L.: In July, it took about 2 days to get rid of the nagging feelings in my stomach! The hope that everything would go well for all those kids plus the fact that I knew I wasn't going to be there to share in their excitement – selfishly, I missed that.

When I saw the buses leave yesterday for August camp, I felt good knowing that July had gone so well. I felt comfortable, a little nostalgic again knowing I wouldn't be at Kilcoo to shake their hands as they got off the bus.

As an aside, one thing really frustrated me both times in the parking lot. I pride myself on knowing each camper's name and I had spent time going over the camp organization sheets, but when those 200 campers and parents converged on the parking lot – there was so much commotion, confusion, emotion. I really had trouble with names – and that bothered me.

C.C.A.: Let me go back to 1938; how did it come about that young John Latimer went to Kilcoo Camp?

J.L.: I guess like so many other kids in North America – through a friend up the street who had gone the previous year and enjoyed it.

C.C.A.: What was your first recollection of Charles Plewman?

J.L.: I remember him most clearly leading songs – that's my first strong vivid memory of him. I also recall how "powerful" a man he appeared to be. His arms seemed so strong! I remember clearly during the war because so many of his Staff were away fighting and Charlie was very close to them. Some, of course, were killed; I remember being very moved when he announced to the camp in the dining hall that last year's swimming instructor was killed or the counsellor of a certain tent had been taken prisoner. Every Sunday night during these war years, Charles Plewman would assemble the entire camp in the dining hall and at one end he had huge maps and he would go through where the allies were, and where the Germans, Italians, Japanese were advancing. He followed the war very closely and made that awareness a significant part of camp to us.

C.C.A.: At what point in your development at Kilcoo did you feel or know that you wanted to be a Camp Director?

J.L.: Well, it was never "a" Camp Director – it was only the Director of Kilcoo that I aspired to. According to Charles Plewman, I announced it to him when I was about 9 years old that someday I would own this camp. I think many young people say that to their directors; camp was always a secure place, a very happy place for me. It wasn't until the 1950's when I was working in the city during the year that I realized how important the camp was to me and it became essential that I would eventually try to buy the place. That opportunity arose in 1955 when Charlie decided he had reached the point where he would like to sell Kilcoo. He didn't have any sons of his own, and he had always told me that I would have first option.

C.C.A.: Wasn't there a slight problem in that you couldn't match the offer of another group and you had to forfeit your dream of owning Kilcoo? And then a mystery offer came to you and your bid matched the other group and the

camp was sold to you?

J.L.: (pause, wistfully) Yes, and when I later found out that the donor of the mystery offer was none other than Charles Plewman, I cried! What a man!

C.C.A.: At what point as a Camp Director did you first begin your involvement with O.C.A. and C.C.A.?

J.L.: In the fall of 1955 Charles took me to my first O.C.A. meeting at the Park Plaza Hotel and he introduced me to Taylor Statten, Ernie Chapman and A.L. Cochrane. These people I had read about. Shortly afterwards, I did become involved around the late 1950's and my involvement grew until I became O.C.A. President. My first vivid C.C.A. recollection was 1967 when I was asked to Chair the Centenary Journey, an idea formulated by Kirk Whipper. My first meeting with the then President of C.C.A., David Hartry was in the basement of a synagogue in Halifax, – the year was 1965.

C.C.A.: I remember when you were C.C.A. President 1971-75 because I was fortunate enough to serve on your Executive; how did that first National Geneva Park Conference come about?

J.L.: I think that came out of the idea that we as a Board would be meeting a number of times throughout the country and we would see specific problems or concerns in other Provinces and they would say "what's happening in Ontario, what's happening in Quebec, British Columbia?" etc. I was meeting some tremendous individuals throughout the country and believed we would all benefit if we could ask our own questions to each other – I wanted the grass roots of the C.C.A. to be able to genuinely feel that they were a part of something national. Geneva Park provided that forum for us!

C.C.A.: In your tenure of office as C.C.A. President, I recall several volatile issues: like standards, constitution, changing the name of C.C.A. etc. What are your memories of those particular issues?

J.L.: I remember wanting the name changed because we were and still are assumed by the public to be "that group in charge of trailer camping throughout Canada". People were very vocal, especially in Ontario, and we never did change our name.

Standards were always contentious – and not just in each Province. When we talked of National Standards, people feared "regulations" or "imposed standards" but our intention was always an initiative of education and information – sharing only. This issue still isn't resolved – there are no national standards and I think it would be very difficult to implement the same standards to all camps across the country.

I personally felt uncomfortable about the relationship between French camps and camps in English-speaking Canada. This, unfortunately, is an ongoing concern even today, wrought with political overtones, – I know I've made enemies over this issue but I

keep thinking we're forgetting the campers and their collective interests which aren't being served by our politics.

C.C.A.: In what way do you feel the Association is stronger and weaker than it was a decade ago?

J.L.: An interesting question in that the Association is strong usually because of certain individuals within it and also the support it gets from the Provinces. I suppose it's a normal thing that one Province will be particularly strong at a given time and therefore very supportive of the Association; it may have a number of high-profile people who are very committed to camping. Much of the policy which stems from the National Board is that they often have to come to the assistance of a weaker Province, so strength and weakness seems to shift around in fits and starts from Province to Province and time to time. When a Province is weak, there is usually a lack of consistency in the leadership of that Province. Consistency is so important; when I was President, I was uncomfortable over the lack of consistency, and I know this is shared by the Presidents who followed me. It is evidenced at a Board meeting, for example, when a new person suddenly shows up and doesn't know the background of their own Province or C.C.A. and much time is spent trying to bring them up to date. I can only urge each Provincial Association to try to ensure that whoever attends National meetings is very familiar with the issues, policies and ongoing concerns of the C.C.A.

C.C.A.: Outside of Mr. Plewman, what individuals have had a significant effect on the growth and development of John Latimer?

J.L.: Bert Danson, certainly, because he was the first person to phone me after I took over the camp and volunteered to help me in any way. He let me see the books at his camp, he gave me advice as to how to get involved in the O.C.A. and I think it was Bert who then committed me to be prepared, anxious and keen to do exactly the same thing to new Directors as they came into the Association - I've tried to pass that on. John Hoyle at Camp Gay Venture came over to my house a couple of times and talked about the history and philosophy of camping and what was important to him; I always felt I could give him a call.

In the earlier days, young June Labbett was always one of the most friendly at camping conferences and even though I was younger I felt very comfortable in being able to talk with her and discuss my camp problems with her.

Jumping ahead, I remember one night at a hotel in Toronto when the guest speaker was Barry Lowes and Barry talked a lot about the challenges to camping; it was a very moving situation for me. I left that banquet hall feeling challenged and motivated in trying to understand my values and reasons for being in camping. It was a profound assessment, I felt, and Barry sure left, an impact!

Within my own personal area, two more people have had a tremendous influence on me in that they were close enough to me that they were always asking me questions and making me assess why I was doing what I was doing. One is Peggy, who was able to see past the impossibility of some of my dreams and in a positive way, create a situation where she'd ask me why I was doing something, especially where the campers were concerned.

The other person is you, Jay; whether it was at C.C.A. meetings when I didn't know how to handle a particularly difficult situation in a personal conflict in a Board meeting, I could always sit with you knowing you'd ask the right questions and lead me into what I hoped was the right decision. The same applied when you were with me at Kilcoo, particularly in your later years as a senior person; you had a definite influence on helping me make a decision or take a particular action.

I guess philosophically one of the guys that influenced me a lot regarding my camp and my own personal life was Leo Buscaglia. That's one reason I'm so pleased he's coming to the Congress. He has helped me allow my Staff to develop their own strengths and uniqueness, without ridicule or stress in having to conform and "ape" others.

Generally speaking, there are so many others that have influenced me and become close friends - people that I can count on for advice, suggestions, encouragement and support. I guess my closest friends in life are people I've met through camping; that's why to me it's such a great experience, a lifetime experience, and I am very grateful to the camping community.

C.C.A.: Finally, I'd like to ask you about your sons - all three are in leadership capacities with David at Camp Mazinaw and Jeffrey and Michael at Kilcoo. Do you see in them the personality characteristics which might lead them to a career in camp directing?

J.L.: I think each in his own way has something to offer as camp directors; I've tried hard, though, not to say to the guys "someday this camp will be yours; therefore you have to prepare yourself for it". I've seen situations where the sons really didn't want to take over but were perhaps forced into it and the commitment wasn't there. Each son, on his own, has to make that decision. The boys have many differences but tremendous similarities too that would offer so much to camping. I hope sometime in the next few years there will be a role in camping for them somewhere in Canada.

SEE YOU AT THE CONGRESS

INTERNATIONAL CAMPING CONGRESS UPDATE

- Registration Forms and Programs have been mailed to all members.
- Advanced registration for the "bargain rates" must be postmarked by December 17, 1982.
- SASKSPORT has committed a grant of \$5,000 to assist Saskatchewan delegates to attend.
- Eastern Provincial Airways has quoted a "super-saver" rate for delegates from Atlantic Canada.
- Thanks to Jack Zoubie, our Dept. of External Affairs has been tremendously helpful in publicizing this event in over 30 countries resulting in several inquiries about the Congress.
- We are encouraged by the financial support we have received from a large number of directors as well as staff members from Canadian camps - \$10, \$20, \$50 - every single donation has been (AND WILL BE) gratefully received; in other words, we still need your help!
- The Director of Camping in Bermuda will bring 5 delegates.
- Jack Murdock, our liaison from the American Camping Association has helped immensely to communicate with our American friends through the Bradford Woods headquarters.
- The Ontario March of Dimes deserves our gratitude for enabling Kirsty Griffiths to co-ordinate the entire Congress program.

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Pre-Congress Events

I. ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Canadian Camping Association/Association des Camps du Canada

Board of Directors
Promotions Workshop
Standards Workshop
Education Workshop

Monday 24 January 1:00 p.m. – Tuesday 25 January 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 25 January 1:00 p.m. – Wednesday 26 January 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday 25 January 1:00 p.m. – Wednesday 26 January 5:00 p.m.
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Contact: Marjorie Booth, Executive Director, 1806 Avenue Road, Suite 2, Toronto, Ontario M5M 3Z1

Canadian Recreational Canoeing Association

Canoe Travel Camping Committee
Canoe Camping, Environment & Ethics Committee
Canoeing with Disabled Persons Committee
Leadership Development Committee
Board of Directors
CRCA Exec & America Canoe Assoc. Exec.

Friday 28 January (Interested observers are welcome
Friday 28 January at Committee Meetings)
Friday 28 January
Friday 28 January
Friday 28 January
Saturday 29 January

Contact: John Eberhard, CRCA President, Box 54, Hyde Park, Ontario N0M 1Z0

II. KINDRED GROUP MEETINGS

Meetings will take place immediately prior to the Congress and are open to camping administrators in related fields. Programs and information for these meetings will be designed and disseminated by the co-ordinator listed. Indicate on the Congress Registration Form the meeting which you plan to attend. All Kindred groups will meet at the Sheraton Centre Hotel.

Brethren Assemblies Camps

Craig Copland
c/o Camp Mini-Yo-We
45 Crendon Drive, Etobicoke, Ont.
M9C 3G6 416-622-4802
25 Jan., 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Career Preparation for University Students in the Outdoor Field

Claude Cousineau, Dept. of Recreationology
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont.
K1N 6N5 613-231-2996
26 Jan., 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Christian Camping International

Brian Larmour
45 Crendon Drive, Etobicoke, Ont.
M9C 3G6 416-622-4802
26 Jan., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Day Camp

Larry Bell
1804 Avenue Road, Suite 1
Toronto, Ont.
M5M 3Z1 416-783-4951
26 Jan., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Private Christian Science Camps

Brant Wilson
4 Lewes Crescent
Toronto, Ont.
M4N 3H9 416-484-1904
26 Jan., 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

YMCA

Rob Heming, c/o Camp Wanakita
Hamilton YMCA, 79 James Street South
Hamilton, Ont.
L8P 2Z1 416-529-7102
25 Jan., 9:00 a.m. – 26 Jan., Noon

ATTENTION!

CATCH UP WITH YOUR PAST

Children's camping is older than most of us realize. In time for the coming International Camping Congress and for our own information, we need to know who opened the first camp in Canada. As well, we would like to co-ordinate a list of camps in Canada which were opened prior to 1900, 1910, and 1920.

Please dig into provincial government departments (education, health, land titles/surveys) as well as those of Church, YWCA, YMCA, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides, CGIT, and private records.

This kind of information has never been researched in detail – we may be surprised at the number of early camps established in Canada. Help us know our heritage!

Contact:

Mr. Ken Johnson, Archivist
Thomas J. Bata Library
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Peterborough, Ontario
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OUR MISTAKE! MEMBER CAMP STATISTICS SUMMER 1982

Recently the provincial associations have forwarded a statistics questionnaire to all member camps. Unfortunately, the CCA/ACC questionnaire was sent with the **wrong year** typed in the Camper Data Section. Although the accompanying letter clearly states we need 1982 totals, we want to apologize for the confusion created.

Please forward your 1982 totals to your provincial association as soon as possible. Thank-you.

PRESIDENT'S



PERSPECTIVE

by Jocelyn Palm

The International Camping Congress in Toronto, January 26-29, 1983 is on everyone's mind and calendars. Now that we are close to the event, excitement is really building. The program does without question offer much for everyone.

Congress Chairman, John Latimer says, "This Congress gives each one of us as leaders of young people, the opportunity to listen, to share, to give." Camping people from across Canada should capture this opportunity!

The United Nations has declared 1984 the International Year of Youth. We, the Canadian Camping Association are the youth and camping experts. The International Camping Congress will show who we are and in '84 we can further that image.

The Congress Committee have been busy raising funds to meet Congress expenses - in order to keep your registration fee reasonable. Voluntary contributions are an important chunk of the budget. Many individuals and camps have donated and we are proceeding now in earnest as we get close to the opening. The name of each Congress Donor will be printed on the banquet program. We want all delegates to see who these people are. Should you wish to contribute, please send your cheque to the CCA by December 31st. These contributions are charitable donations and a tax receipt will be issued.

There will be three CCA Workshops in Toronto just prior to the Congress; the Promotion Workshop chaired by Marnie Ellis (Québec), the Standards Workshop organized by Brian Law (Manitoba) and Education Workshop steered by Dorothy Walter (Ontario). Each Provincial camping association will therefore have four representatives whose travel expenses are provided through the CCA and Fitness Canada. Our Association is fortunate to have Fitness Canada's support not only for the Congress but many other significant projects.

Do get together this fall and make plans for January. See you in Toronto!

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"Happy faces ready for Christmas Dinner & Santa Claus"

Menu Feature

RAW VEGETABLE DIPS

Courtesy, Lynne Ferguson, CANS

Curry-Mayonnaise Dip

- 1 1/2 cup Mayonnaise
- 2 tsp. Curry powder
- 1 tbsp. Grated onion
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Dry mustard

Combine.

Raw Vegetable Dip

- 1 cup Mayonnaise
- 2 tbsp. Chopped onion
- 1 tsp. Ground ginger
- 4 tsp. Soya sauce
- 1 tsp. Vinegar

Mix together & let stand several hours. Serve chilled.

Yogurt or Sour Cream

- Garlic
- Salt
- Pepper
- Bay leaves
- Ketchup
- Paprika
- Lemon juice

Cream Cheese & Crushed Pineapple

Vegetable Dip

- 1 cup Mayonnaise
- 1 cup Whipping cream
- 1 clove Garlic
- Salt & pepper
- Dash curry powder
- 2 Finely chopped green onions
- 2 tsp. Chopped parsley
- 3 oz. Cream cheese, if desired

Spread

- 6 oz. Blue cheese
- 12 oz. Cream cheese
- Black olives & onion

Soften cheese and mix ingredients into a ball, roll ball in crushed walnuts.

Serve with cauliflower, broccoli, carrot sticks, celery, green onions, cucumber, cherry tomatoes.

PHOTO CONTEST

Canadian Camping will feature an outstanding photograph in each issue. Campers and Staff are invited to submit photographs of people, nature, program and tripping. Send as many as you like to Canadian Camping.

ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Camper _____

Address _____ Staff _____

Prov. _____ Postal Code _____ Tel. _____

Camp Affiliation _____

Special Information _____

GROUP DYNAMICS EXERCISE

by: Jay Haddad

This issue's exercise was supplied by Jude de Guerre of Wolfville, Nova Scotia. I have used the exercise twice since first seeing it at Camp Hillis, in Paradise, Nova Scotia in early June, 1982. The most interesting aspect of this exercise is the kind of emotional change that each individual experiences; after reading the story, each person is asked to rank order the five characters from the most admirable to the least admirable. It's amazing to watch the dynamics of people discussing/arguing because no group will rank order the characters in the same order; actually, individuals within each group will change their feelings of admiration from character to character as the discussion ensues. It's a great exercise to facilitate as you can float around from group to group asking questions and making comments; keep on top of each group, though, because very volatile feelings will erupt with regard to issues like honesty, morality, fidelity, proper parenting, friendship, love and emotions.

It might be a good idea to set a time limit for discussion, because if you don't, the discussion simply won't subside. Be ready to impose a time limit, then jump in and conclude by tying things up and reassuring everyone that there are no "rights" or "wrongs" absolutely. Again, you can refer to previous issues for the psychology behind "groupthink exercises". This is a good one; have fun with it and here goes:

Once upon a time, there was a river that was practically overflowing with alligators. As you may have guessed, it was called Alligator River. A girl named Abigail lived on the west bank of the river. Her boy friend, Greg, lived on the opposite bank. Abigail and Greg were very much in love with each other and wanted very much to see each other. But there was one slight complication: no boat, and an alligator-filled river stood between them. Abigail decided to seek help so that she could see her boy friend, Greg. She approached Sinbad the Sailor, who, as his name might indicate, owned a boat. Now this was very fortunate for Abigail, because Sinbad's boat was exactly what she needed to get across the river. She explained her situation to Sinbad and asked if she could borrow his boat. Sinbad thought for a moment and then replied: "Sure, if you sleep with me tonight." This startled

Abigail, because she didn't want to sleep with Sinbad; she just wanted to borrow his boat so she could see Greg. So, she told Sinbad to forget it, and wandered off seeking someone else who would help her.

After a great deal of time, Abigail was unable to find anyone else who could aid her. Discouraged, she returned home, where she sought out her mother. Explaining her dilemma and Sinbad's proposition, Abigail asked her mother what she should do. Mom responded with: "Look, Abigail, you're a big girl now; it's about time you started making these kinds of decisions for yourself." With that, Mom turned and walked away.

Abigail thought and thought. Finally, she decided to take Sinbad up on his offer, because she wanted to see Greg so very much. So that night Abigail and Sinbad slept with each other. The next morning, Sinbad, true to his word, lent his boat to Abigail. Abigail sailed across the river and saw her beloved. After spending a few delightful hours together, Abigail felt compelled to tell Greg what had happened. After she had related her whole story, Greg blew up completely: "You what? I can't believe you did that! I - I can't believe you slept with him! That's it. It's all over. Just forget the relationship. Get out of my life!"

Distraught, Abigail wandered off. She came upon a fellow named Slug. Borrowing his shoulder to shed her tears, Abigail related her tale to Slug. Slug then went looking for Greg (with Abigail close behind). Slug found Greg and proceeded to beat the stuffing out of him, with Abigail standing there, laughing.

In your estimation, who was the most admirable person in this story? Rank them in order.

_____ Abigail
_____ Greg
_____ Sinbad
_____ Mom
_____ Slug



Photo Courtesy Camp Tawingo

New Brunswick holds Annual Counsellor Workshop

by: Ian Fowler

The weekend of May 28-30 saw 82 camp counsellors and a resource staff of 10 converge on Camp Glenburn near St. John for the 3rd Annual N.B.C.A. Counsellor Conference. After months of planning and promotion, the organizers were able to breathe a sigh of relief as the delegates filtered into camp, knowing for the second consecutive year that over 80 counsellors were going to be properly prepared for the upcoming summer. From the beginning it was obvious the weekend would be successful as the delegates from 18 different camps were full of enthusiasm and displayed the willingness required to make the workshop an educational experience.

John Jorgenson the Consultant/Advisor for the workshop set the tone for the entire weekend with his opening remarks on the responsibilities of a counsellor. Jorgi outlined his experiences in working with campers and how summer camp is a learning experience not only for the camper but also for the counsellor. Throughout his talk, Jorgi referred often to a winter camping course in which he participated. He reflected back on the trials and tribulations of his experience and how it was a marvellous learning opportunity only because he wanted to be. The same applies to the camp counsellor, Jorgi explained, that if they gave their full potential they would be rewarded with a summer that would provide memories and experiences to last a lifetime.

The first evening concluded with a session on campfire programs. John Jorgenson shared with the delegates the unique Tawingo approach to this subject leaving the group with a library of ideas on skits, stunts, games and songs. Who will ever forget "Black Bart."

Saturday was designed so the participants could select activity areas which appealed to them. Sessions included canoeing, nature games, back-pocket activities, orienteering, rainy day programs, camp craft, arts and crafts, and acclimatization, to mention a few. All sessions were conducted by resource staff from throughout New Brunswick who volunteered their services for the weekend. The afternoon ended with a free swim period providing a refreshing break for the delegates after a hot day full of activity.

The evening session was conducted by Jorgi and was devoted to the development of an Indian Program at camp. The program began with a slide presentation on a typical Indian Council Ceremony to acquaint the participants as to what the evening held in store. Following this the group had the opportunity to view first hand many costumes and props all transported by Jorgi from Tawingo. The highlight of the evening was just beginning, however, as everyone paraded to the beach for an Indian Council Ceremony. This provided the opportunity for all to participate in

Indian songs, dances and games. Presentations were made by various cabin groups to the council providing a complete picture as to what Indian Programs are all about.

To many of the delegates this was their first experience with Indian Programs and one sure to leave lasting memories.

Saturday evenings closed with a super snack and then back to the beach for a giant sing song and campfire.

Sunday again saw the sun shining for the final day of the workshop. Participants enjoyed the opportunity to select sessions from a list including leadership, health and safety, special events, co-operative games and the survival games.

In conjunction with the Counsellor Workshop a one day workshop for Camp Directors was also held. Although only of one day in duration most of the directors remained for the weekend and participated in some of the counsellor activities providing them with an opportunity to see what their staff were learning. Topics at the director's seminar included

program planning, emergency procedures, food service, and staff relations. The Directors were also pleased with their experience that a request was made to expand the workshop to the same 2½ days as the counsellor workshop.

Overall the entire weekend was very successful. Delegates evaluated the workshop sessions very high and one passed along the following comment, "This workshop really opened my eyes and showed what a Camp Counsellor really is."

Thanks should be extended to a variety of people for their contributions including the Canadian Camping Association, and Fitness Canada for providing funding for our Consultant/Advisor, Flora Dell and the New Brunswick Department of Youth, Recreation and Cultural Resources for their financial grant, the volunteers who gave of their time to conduct sessions and finally a big thank-you to John Jorgenson, our energetic Consultant/Advisor who did everything asked of him and more.



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POEM

The Dumbest Person In The World

How dumb?
Very dumb.
It's the
Canadian
who knocks
what he's got.
Here's what
he's got:
A country of
unbounded beauty.
Almost unlimited
natural resources.
A judicial system
that is the envy
of the rest of
the world.
Food so plentiful
overeating is a
major problem.
A press
nobody can dominate.
A ballot box
nobody can stuff.
Churches of your choice.
Plentiful job opportunities.
Freedom to go anywhere
you want, with the
planes, cars and highways
to get you there.
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Saskatchewan Camping Association Spring Conference

by: Karen Crawford

May 1 was a lovely spring day at Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences for the spring conference. A happy chatting group of about ninety lined up for registration. David Godwin, president of S.C.A., welcomed everyone and Jocelyn Palm, president of the Canadian Camping Association, was introduced. Using 'Peanuts' cartoons, she started the conference off on a positive and upbeat note with her droll and sometimes profound answer to her topic's question "Will camp make me a winner?"

The conference then divided into four streams: Activity; Administration; Leadership; and Counsellor. Dinny Biggs started the Activity stream leading an enthusiastic group throughout the morning in Initiative Tasks, Cooperative and New Games. Jane McCutcheon and Ian Fowler led a session around evening programs at camp which went over very well as we were to find out at the closing exercises.

The Administration stream included four sessions by well-versed experts. Janet Adamson shared her experience in her talk about Effective Staff Supervision. Terry Burkhalter lead a group whose topic was "Church Camping: An Important Ministry" - a very relevant topic considering the large number of church camps in the province. Jocelyn Palm outlined a vital area which concerns all camps; Emergency Procedures at Camp. Rick Ryan had prepared a useful hand-out for his topic "Financial Planning For Non-Profit Camps". He allowed his group the time to read his presentation which outlined objectives, cash flow procedures, budgeting and investments and then spent the rest of the time giving suggestions to problems the group presented.

The Leadership stream had four diverse topics: "Camping with Special Populations" by Terry Burkhalter, George Matthews and Brian Law emphasized the skills of the campers rather than their limitations. Gary Luthy and Michael Kenny gave many helpful suggestions to a well-attended lecture regarding public relations - a sadly neglected and ineffective area for most camps. Dinny Biggs, in a well-prepared lecture gave many ideas about what a good CIT program includes. Jan James then spoke about "Camper's Needs: Back to the Basics or New Wave?"



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The Counsellor stream was started by Dorothy Walter talking about "The Counsellor as a Person." "Parachute Play to Music", a very popular session was given by Claire Ménard and Michel Charron proving that there is no language division where fun and laughter are concerned. Marjorie Booth, executive director of CCA, gave a useful lecture on "The Counsellor's Role on Rainy Days." Jocelyn Palm ended the counsellor stream with her talk on "Waterfront Program and Aquatic Safety".

A very warm and sincere closing done by two groups of participants from Jane McCutcheon and Ian Fowler's session on evening programs gave appreciation and pleasure especially to the CCA and SCA delegates as they parodied the day's events.

The SCA was very pleased with the way the conference went. Aside from the gratifyingly high number of registrants and people who became members of SCA, there were other positive aspects to the conference: The high calibre of expertise of the people who did the sessions; their use of visual aids, good humour, good use of time and the input allowed and sought after from the participants. Best of all the day was the enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment of all those who were there.

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HAD YOUR USUAL
MISERABLE TIME AT
CAMP...DID YOU HATE IT?



UNFORTUNATELY, NO! I
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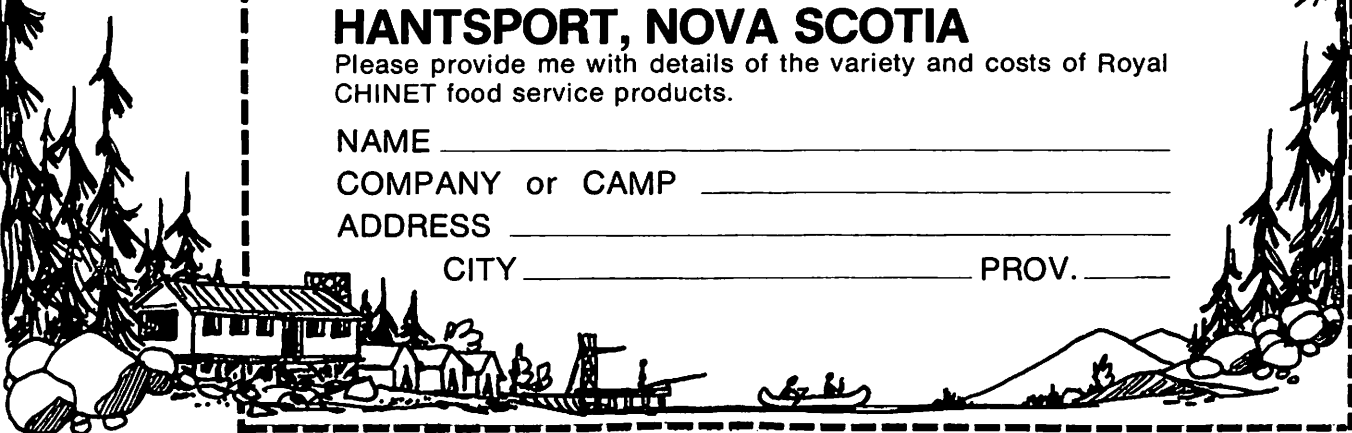
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